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Bill,

This is to follow up on our recent call about the schedule for the CSO/SWO study that Occidental Chemical Corporation is performing, through Tierra Solutions, Inc., and how that work fits into the RI/FS that the CPG is performing.

After a delay in obtaining the access to CSOs necessary for the initial phase of work in the CSO/SWO study, it appears that work on Phase I is now ready to proceed. Assuming the sampling occurs as anticipated, data from Phase I are expected to be available in August 2013.

The second phase will proceed thereafter. Alice Yeh plans to send Rob Law the QAPP (Revision 2), which contains the complete schedule, when EPA approves it, which probably will be next week.

We understand that the CPG has concerns about how the data can be incorporated into the RI/FS, which is to be completed in 2015. While the CSO/SWO data will provide useful information, EPA does not expect the CPG to postpone work on the RI/FS while awaiting data from the CSO/SWO study. Instead, the data can be incorporated when available. EPA has already established, based on existing data, that the CSOs and SWOs are minor contributors of COPCs and COPECs, since their flows are relatively minor compared to those of the Upper Passaic River and Newark Bay, and their contaminant concentrations are low as compared to the surface sediments of the Lower Passaic River main stem. Nevertheless, the additional data from the CSO/SWO study could be useful to augment existing information, and/or in remedial design.

We will let you know as soon as the Phase I sampling is set to occur. I hope this answers your questions but let me know if you would like to discuss.

Have a good weekend.

-Sarah

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